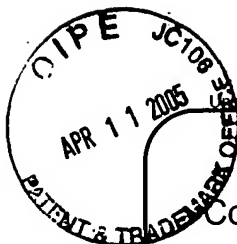


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND SUBMISSION
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Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Submission is filed with a Request for Continued Examination following receipt by the Applicant of a final Office Action mailed January 14, 2005. In this Request, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 6, and 10.

In the January 14 Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 § 102(b) based on an article entitled by Katayama et al. entitled *A Motion Control System*

with Event-driven Motion-module Switching Mechanism for Robotic Manipulators
(Katayama).

In the present application, the amendment to claim 1 emphasizes that the claimed motion control system comprises a motion control component that generates device-specific control commands for a selected target device based on tokens associated with hardware independent motion commands. The event tokens generated by the motion event provider thus may be hardware independent.

In contrast, the Katayama reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest a motion control system that converts hardware independent event tokens into device-specific control commands associated with a selected target device. The Applicant respectfully submits that the events disclosed in the Katayama reference are device specific and obviate the need for a motion control component as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, unlike the Katayama system, the motion control system recited in claim 1 allows event tokens to be used to control any target device from a group of supported target devices without advance knowledge of the specifics of the device-specific control commands associated with the supported target devices.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the motion control system as recited in amended claim 1 distinguishes over the teachings of the Katayama reference, and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested. The amendments to claims 3, 6, and 10 are intended to make the language of these claims conform to the language of amended claim 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4 and 6-11 further define claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the reasons specified above.

Enclosed herewith as Exhibit A is a document entitled Listing of All Amendments and Claims (04-09-2005) containing the amendments to the specification and claims. Exhibit A contains the text of each pending claim, along with any amendments made hereby (illustrated using strikethrough and underlining) and the status of each pending claim.

Given the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 and 6-11 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such

would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 9th day of April, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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